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September 22, 2023

MSHDA
Chris Lussier
CDBG Project Lead Manager
735 E. Michigan Ave
P.O. Box 30044
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Dear Mr. Lussier and Grant Evaluation Team:

The City of Manistee is seeking funding from MSHDA CDBG CHILL grant to support a housing plan which focuses heavily on rehabilitation, preservation, and stabilization of its housing stock. As the City Manager, I plan to pursue this grant and fully support it on behalf of the City of Manistee.

We will be requesting \$500,000 for preserving owner-occupied housing and administrative fees to implement the program. This will continue to move the City of Manistee's housing preservation and stabilization efforts forward and help homeowners who would not otherwise be able rehabilitate homes.

In 2019, Rising Tide recommended to the City of Manistee, addressing significant concerns surrounding the quality of the housing. More recently, Housing North's Needs Assessment, released in July of 2023, reported that Manistee County ranked highest in the region for its aging housing stock. It further reported that 70% of the homes in the City of Manistee were built prior to 1970. In addition, the Needs Assessment showed a strong demand to address incomplete plumbing, kitchens, and unsafe living conditions in the City. Since the Rising Tide report, the City has made strides in implementing the prescribed housing initiatives with improving the aging housing stock as one of the foremost goals. The City has expanded our capacity by contracting with Housing North; creating and staffing a Community Development Department; and playing a key leadership role in helping establish a countywide Housing Action Team to tackle our housing needs.

This grant will allow the City to address one of the major housing issues, its aging housing stock, and assist approximately 30 owner-occupied homes with the greatest need who otherwise would continue to live in unsafe, unhealthy, poor living conditions. We appreciate your consideration and eagerly look forward to the next phase of the grant process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

CITY OF MANISTEE

William Gambill
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CDBG HOUSING IMPROVING LOCAL LIVABILITY (CHILL) PROGRAM

BUDGET WORKSHEET

Eligible Activity	Projected Request Amount	Leveraged Funds Amount	Source of Leveraged Funds	Number of Properties Assisted	Number of Households Assisted
Homeowner Improvement	\$ 450,000.00			28	28
Demolition/Reconstruction/Resale					
Admin (<i>capped at 18% of grant award</i>)	\$ 50,000.00				
TOTAL	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -		28	28